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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above identified patent application. Applicants request that the Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to the calculation of the filing fees.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add, after the title, at line 3, the following -- This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/256,622 which was filed on February 23, 1999 and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/230,622 which was filed on June 14, 1999, the disclosure of which is considered as being part of this application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 3-5 and 7-8 as follows:

3. (Amended) [A] The canned pet food product according to Claim 1 [or claim 2]
in which the outer phase is a thermally gelled mixture.

4. (Amended) [A] The canned pet food product according to [any of claims] Claim 1 [to 3] in which the inner phase comprises chunks of a formulated emulsion product in a gravy.

5. (Amended) [A] The canned pet food product according to [any of claims] Claim 1 [to 4] in which the outer phase comprises about 25% to about 75% by volume of the product and the inner phase comprises about 25% to about 75% by volume of the product.

7. (Amended) [A] The canned pet food product according to [any of claims] Claim 1 [to 6] in which the product has a height at least as large as its diameter.

8. (Amended) [A] The canned pet food product according to [any of claims] Claim 1 [to 7] in which the phases each have a moisture content of about 70% to about 85% by weight.

Please add newly submitted Claims 11-17 as follows:

11. The canned pet food product according to Claim 2 in which the outer phase is a thermally gelled mixture.

12. The canned pet food product according to Claim 2 in which the inner phase comprises chunks of a formulated emulsion product in a gravy.

13. The canned pet food product according to Claim 2 in which the outer phase comprises about 25% to about 75% by volume of the product and the inner phase comprises about 25% to about 75% by volume of the product.

14. The canned pet food product according to Claim 2 in which the product has a height at least as large as its diameter.

15. The canned pet food product according to Claim 1 in which the phases each have a moisture content of about 70% to about 85% by weight.

16. The canned pet food product according to Claim 1 in which the product has a height at least as large as its diameter.

17. The canned pet food product according to Claim 1 in which the phases each have a moisture content of about 70% to about 85% by weight.

REMARKS

Pursuant to the Preliminary Amendment, the cross-references to related applications have been added to the specification, Claims 3-5 and 7-8 have been amended, and newly submitted Claims 11-17 have been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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